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Gov. Perdue Announces Harrison to Oversee Race to the Top Funds
New Education Transformation Commission also will advise

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today named Dr. Bill Harrison, chair of the State Board of Education and former superintendent of Cumberland County Schools, to oversee the state’s implementation of \$400 million in federal Race to the Top Funds. In addition, he will chair the newly formed Governor’s Education Transformation Commission, which will include some of the state’s top leaders in education and business. The panel will provide guidance as the state pursues the Career and College – Ready, Set, Go! initiative.

“Both Dr. Harrison and the commission will play an integral role in achieving the goal I have set for all schools in NC: That every child must graduate high school with what it really takes to succeed in a career, in college or in technical training,” said Gov. Perdue. “That’s the mission of the Ready, Set, Go! program.”

Harrison, whose title will be governor’s advisor for education transformation, will receive a salary of \$90,000 paid by federal funds. He will continue to serve as chair of the State Board of Education.

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